



# 2024-25 Gopher Buddies Bible Study

The Gopher Buddies curriculum is a Bible study program for early learners ages 4-6. The curriculum has 48 lessons that are divided into several two- and four-lesson modules. In addition, there are four holiday-themed stand-alone lessons.

## Foundational Truth Lessons

### I Will Hear God's Word and Do It



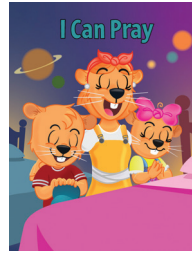
#### THE BIBLE – I Will Hear God's Word and Do It

**King Josiah Follows God's Word:** Young King Josiah discovered God's Law written on scrolls. When Josiah heard the Word of God, he chose to obey. This lesson will prompt children to pray and ask God to help them choose to obey and follow His Word.

**The Farmer and the Seeds:** This lesson teaches the parable of "The Farmer and the Seeds." Children will be prompted to pray and ask God to help them be like the good soil and believe what His Word says.

**Timothy Hears about God's Word:** Timothy was taught God's Word as a young child by his mother and grandmother. Children will be taught that God has given us special people who can help us understand what God's Word says.

**Module Review Lesson (Puppets):** This lesson includes a puppet skit available as both a script and a video. This lesson reviews the main concepts found in the three previous lessons of this module about God's Word.



### I Can Pray

#### CHRISTIAN GROWTH – I Can Pray

**Jesus Teaches How to Pray:** This lesson teaches the Lord's Prayer. Children will be taught that prayer is talking with God. They will learn how Jesus taught His disciples to pray and be given a visual reminder of how to pray using a color bracelet.

**Daniel Prays to God:** Children will learn that Daniel knew it was important to talk to God daily. The children will be encouraged to develop the habit of praying every day as Daniel did.

**Jesus Wants Me to Pray with Humility:** This lesson teaches Jesus' story about a Pharisee and a tax collector who were praying in the temple. Children will begin to understand that God wants us to come to Him humbly and that we should think about Him when we pray.

**Module Review Lesson (Puppets):** This lesson includes a puppet skit available as both a script and a video. This lesson reviews the main concepts found in the three previous lessons of this module about prayer.

### God Can Do Anything



#### GOD – God Can Do Anything

**God Sends Ten Plagues:** Children will learn how God showed Pharaoh that He is Lord overall by sending ten plagues upon Egypt. The children will be taught that our all-powerful God loves them and wants to be in a relationship with them.

**God Parts the Red Sea:** Children will learn that when the Israelites needed help, God rolled back the waters of the Red Sea. They will learn that God can help them just as He helped the Israelites.

**God Sends Manna from Heaven:** Children will learn that God took care of the children of Israel by sending them manna when they were hungry in the desert. They will know they can depend on God to care for their needs.

**Module Review Lesson (Puppets):** This lesson includes a puppet skit available as both a script and a video. This lesson reviews the main concepts found in the three previous lessons of this module about God's Power.

### Sin Separates Us from God



#### SIN – Sin Separates Us from God

**Samson Disobeys God:** Children will learn that even though Samson followed many rules and was very strong, he still chose to disobey God. Children will be taught what sin is and that everyone sins.

**David Asks God to Forgive Him:** This lesson teaches how David responded when he was confronted about his sin by Nathan. Children will be encouraged to ask God to forgive them for the wrong things they have done.

**Jesus Came to Forgive My Sin:** Children will learn that Jesus loves them so much that He took the punishment for their sins by dying on the cross. This lesson encourages children to trust Christ as their savior.

**Module Review Lesson (Puppets):** This lesson includes a puppet skit available as both a script and a video. This lesson reviews the main concepts found in the three previous lessons of this module about sin.

### Miracles of Jesus



#### JESUS – Miracles of Jesus

**Jesus Walks on the Water:** Children will learn how Jesus walked on water to the disciples. They will hear how Peter began to walk to Jesus on the water but fear caused him to sink. The children will identify a time when they are afraid and be taught to trust Jesus.

**A Blind Man Sees:** Children will learn how Jesus helped Bartimaeus by healing him. They will learn that a miracle is something only God can do. Children will be asked to identify a way they can help someone, just like Jesus helped Bartimaeus.

**A Big Catch:** Children will learn how Jesus helped the fishermen catch a large number of fish. When the fishermen recognized who Jesus was, they stopped fishing and followed Jesus. Children will be encouraged to be like the fisherman.

**Module Review Lesson (Puppets):** This lesson includes a puppet skit available as both a script and a video. This lesson reviews the main concepts found in the three previous lessons of this module about the miracles of Jesus.

### I Learn About Helpers in the Church



#### THE CHURCH – I Learn About Helpers in the Church

**Lydia Helps the Missionaries:** Children will learn what a missionary is. They will also learn how Lydia helped missionary Paul by sharing her things, and that they can also help missionaries.

**Priscilla and Aquila Help Paul:** Children will understand that Priscilla and Aquila were tentmakers who helped Paul tell others about Jesus. They will be encouraged to name one person with whom they can share the Good News about Jesus.

**Onesiphorus Is Kind to Paul:** Children will understand how Onesiphorus visited and cheered Paul up while he was in prison. They will be encouraged to show kindness to others just as Onesiphorus showed kindness to Paul.

**Module Review Lesson (Puppets):** This lesson includes a puppet skit available as both a script and a video. This lesson reviews the main concepts found in the three previous lessons of this module about helpers in the church.

## Themed Lessons

### Parent Night

**The Loving Father:** This lesson is intended to include parent visitors. The lesson will explain the Gopher Buddies program to parents while including them in the night's activities. The Bible lesson tells the parable of the prodigal son.

### Friend Night

**The Two Friends:** This is a lesson to be used on a special visitor night or Valentine's week. The children will learn that Jonathan loved David the way that Jesus loves us. They will learn how they can be a good friend and be invited to trust in Jesus.



### Christmas

**Angels Announce Jesus' Birth:** Children will learn how angels announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds and that Christmas is a celebration of Jesus' birth.

### Easter

**The Road to Emmaus:** Children will learn how Jesus appeared to two of His followers on the road to Emmaus after His death. They will understand how Jesus' followers were excited to tell others the good news that Jesus was alive.

# Character Trait Lessons



## Obedience

**Noah Obeys God:** Children will learn how Noah obeyed God. They will understand that because Noah obeyed, his family was safe from the flood. The children will be encouraged to name one way they can obey God in the coming week.

**Module Review Lesson (Puppets):** This lesson includes a puppet skit available as both a script and a video. This lesson reviews the topic of obedience.



## Kindness

**David Shows Kindness to Mephibosheth:** The children will learn how David showed kindness to Mephibosheth. They will know what kindness is and that God wants them to be kind to others.

**Module Review Lesson (Puppets):** This lesson includes a puppet skit available as both a script and a video. This lesson reviews the topic of kindness.



## Thankfulness

**The Man Who Said Thank You:** Children will learn how Jesus healed ten men with leprosy, but only one man said, "Thank you." Children will be encouraged to show gratitude.

**Module Review Lesson (Puppets):** This lesson includes a puppet skit available as both a script and a video. This lesson reviews the topic of thankfulness.



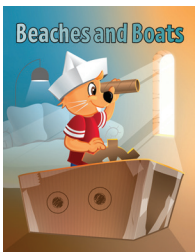
## Faithfulness

**God is Faithful to Joshua:** The children will learn that God had a plan for Joshua. Joshua could trust that God would faithfully keep His promises to help Israel when Joshua obeyed what God asked him to do.

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## Summer Modules

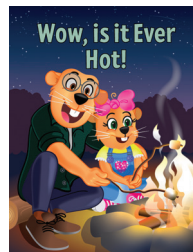
While most churches choose to run a nine-month program using 36 lessons, there are some who prefer to meet throughout the summer months. For those groups, there are an additional twelve summer series lessons provided in each year's Gopher Buddies Bible study. These lessons are grouped into six two-lesson modules. Because attendance in the summer months may be somewhat irregular, each summer lesson is designed to stand on its own.



## Beaches and Boats

**Jonah's Fish Tale:** The children will learn what happened when Jonah disobeyed God when God told him to go to Nineveh. The children will begin to understand that it is important to obey God.

**Paul and the Sinking Ship:** The Apostle Paul was on a ship headed to Rome when a big storm came. Everyone on board was very afraid. Children will be encouraged to pray and ask God to help them when they face scary things.



## Wow, is it Ever Hot

**Moses and the Burning Bush:** Children will learn that God spoke to Moses from a burning bush. They will begin to understand that God has a plan for their lives just as He had a plan for Moses.

**A Fiery Contest:** The children will learn how Elijah showed the people that our God is the one true God. They will understand that only a real God could send fire from Heaven to burn the wet sacrifice on the altar. The children will be encouraged to worship our living God.



## Wet and Wild

**The Blind Man Goes to the Pool:** The children will learn how Jesus healed a man who was blind by wetting the man's eyes with mud and telling him to go wash it off in the pool of Siloam. They will begin to understand that Jesus cares for them just as He cared for the blind man.

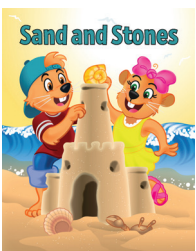
**Jesus Calms the Storm:** The children will learn that Jesus ordered the wind and waves to stop during a wild storm at sea, and the wind and sea obeyed Him. This lesson teaches that Jesus is all-powerful and that we can trust He is always in control, even when we feel things are wild.



## Are We There Yet?

**Jesus Goes Home:** The children will learn what happened after Jesus rose from the dead. They will be taught the great commission and that they can share the Good News of Jesus with others.

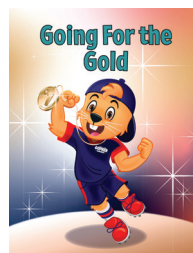
**Jesus is the Way, Truth, and Life:** The children will learn that Jesus is now in Heaven preparing a place for us to live with Him. This lesson encourages children to believe in Jesus because He is the only way to Heaven.



## Sand and Stones

**Let's Build a House:** This lesson teaches Jesus' parable about the wise and foolish builders. Children will learn that when they choose to read (or listen to) God's Word and obey it, they will be like the wise man who built his house on the rock.

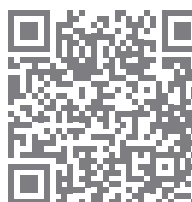
**A Sling and a Stone:** The children will learn that David believed God would help him defeat Goliath. They will be encouraged to believe that God will help them with the things God has asked them to do, too.



## Going For the Gold

**Peter and John Heal a Lame Man:** The children will learn what happened when Peter and John shared Jesus with the lame man at the temple. They will begin to understand that God also wants them to help those who are in need.

**The Golden Calf:** The children will learn that Israel disobeyed God by worshiping a golden calf instead of worshiping Him. They will learn that things made of gold aren't alive and should never be worshipped.



You can access all these lessons and more at **Multiplyplus.life**.

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